

APOLLOS

Acts 18:18-26

Acts 18:24 Apollos: Roman name of heathen deity “Apollo.” Gentile parents. Converted to Judaism. Jew by religion. Alexandrian by Race.

Born at Alexandria: born and raised in Egypt . On Nile delta in Egypt along Mediterranean Sea. Cosmopolitan center. Second largest city in Roman Empire.

Apollos trained at feet of Philo—in great university. Keen and brilliant mind.

2 greatest influences in Ephesus: Synagogue and Greek Culture

Paul: Perfect—rabbi University at Tarsus. Sat under Gamaliel.

Apollo: Mighty in scriptures University at Alexandria. Sat under Philo.

Eloquent man: *a man of words ... or a man of ideas*” (A. T. Robertson), Fluid, forceful and persuasive. Orator. Learned person. Skilled in history. “*Well thought out.*” One who has much to say and could say it well—great oratory abilities.

Webster: *vividly expressive.* Great speaker.

and mighty in the scriptures: equipped, powerful, capable in use of OT law and prophets. Excelling in use of scriptures.

Mac: *well skilled in the Jewish method of interpreting them....His learning and eloquence, coupled with his powerful treatment of the Old Testament, made Apollos a devastating debater (cf. v. 28). The rarity of such preachers is indicated by the fact that no one else is so designated as powerful in dealing with the Scriptures. The church today is in desperate need of men like Apollos.*

Unique ability to interpret and apply all parts of scriptures.

When he spoke--much impact.

Depth and accurate interpretation of scriptures

Acts 18:25 ...knowing only the baptism of John.

John's Baptism: ...between OT and NT baptism. Baptism of repentance: confession of sin---need for moral cleansing—symbol of forgiveness and moral purity.

Doctrine of Apollos:

- ❖ OT prophecies. Messiah--save from sins. Jesus of Nazareth—Messiah & Lamb of God...
- ❖ Repent and turn to Jesus for forgiveness of sins.
- ❖ Be baptized!

Apollos did not know:

- ❖ Jesus crucified and risen from dead....
- ❖ Holy Spirit had come upon all believers

Mac: Nor was he acquainted with the coming of the Spirit and the birth of the church on the Day of Pentecost. In short, he was a redeemed Old Testament saint;

Apollos knew and understood:

- ❖ Believers' baptism
- ❖ Justification
- ❖ Eternal security

Mac: he was saved but was not able to be called a Christian yet.

Fervent: to boil, bubble, seethe.

In spirit—unseen part of man.

Difference between:

Fervent (internal) & Enthusiastic (external, emotional—cheerleader). Lk 1:80; 2:40; Rom 12:11; Heb 5:14

Mighty in spirit:

1. Sensing God's presence at all times. Eph 3:19
2. Understanding deeper things of God's Word Heb 5:11-14
3. Recognizing promptings of Holy Spirit & being alert to spiritual danger. Heb 5:11-14
4. Discerning wrong trend or attitudes & ideas in others and knowing how to respond. 1 John 4:1 Mk.2:6-8 Lk. 5:22 Lk. 20:23
5. Motivating others to grow in Lord & apply scripture to daily lives.
6. Knowing how to be victorious over sin

Acts 18:26 Boldly: Frank and confident.

they took him unto them. Took him in...showed him hospitality.

Expounded: exposed, put on exhibit. Explained thoroughly

The way of God: God's point of view.

More perfectly: more exactly. More correctly. They added the missing parts.

🔲 Jesus crucified, buried, and rose from dead.

🔲 Bible preachers and teachers are not always right.

- ✚ Possible to be sincere and intellectually believe something that is wrong-or incomplete. Teaching and doctrine of Apollos right on...but incomplete.
- ✚ Character of Apollos—humble and open to truth. Approachable.
- ✚ Character of Aquila and Priscilla—humble... not quick to cross off an individual....understood power of hospitality.